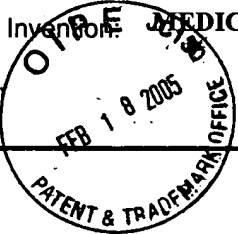

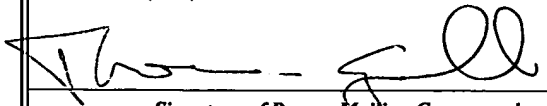
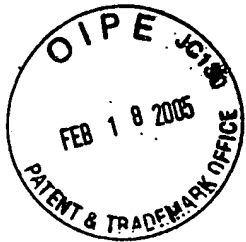


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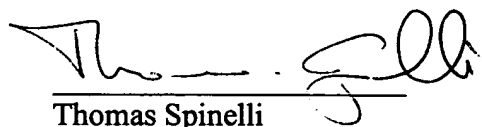
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In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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